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present statement. The enclosed references were cited in a German application corresponding to the present application.

German reference 32 20 093 discloses a device for measuring color density and moving, web-shaped printing materials. Applicants do not have an English language translation of this reference readily available. However, an English language abstract thereof is enclosed.

German reference 31 48 076 discloses an arrangement for measuring and controlling the ink density of a print. An English language abstract of this reference is also provided.

German reference 32 18 166 discloses a device for measuring the color density of a moving sheet or web-shaped print material. Applicants also do not have an English language translation of this reference. However, an English language abstract thereof is enclosed.

German reference 30 46 417 discloses an apparatus for controlling a rotary printing machine. Applicants do not have an English language translation of this reference readily available.

German reference 19 650 223 discloses a scanning device for a pixel-bi-photoelectric measurement of a measured object. This reference is discussed in greater detail in the specification of the present application and the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to that discussion. Furthermore, this reference corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,028,682, a copy of which is also enclosed.

The present invention defines specific scanning method for operating a scanning apparatus for optical density measurement of at least one measurement object arranged on a printing medium which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed reference.

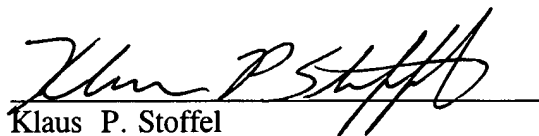
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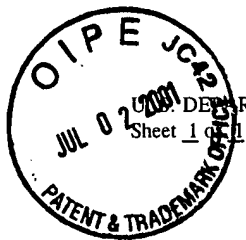
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